bound promotion to Group of Ministers, included in the package of benefits has been completed. Action on the outstanding items is under way.

Attending of Coaching Camps by Indian Boxers at Pakistan

60. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian boxers were to go to Pakistan to attend a coaching camp to be organised by the South Asian Association for regional cooperation and also to Soviet Union under the Indo-Soviet sports and cultural exchange programme to prepare for Seoul Olympics; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the composition of the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Pakistan is hosting a coaching camp and clinic in boxing at Islamabad from August 1—10, 1988 for SAARC member countries as part of the SAARC Calendar of Activities for 1988. Two officials and four players from each SAARC member country have been invited to participate. India has agreed to participate.

A 14-member boxing team is scheduled to visit USSR under the Indo-USSR Sports Protocol from 27th Sept., 1988 to 11th October, 1988. The members of the team are yet to be selected.

Setting up Medical Teachers' Training Centres in the Country

61. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of setting up Medical Teachers' Training Centres in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) To keep the medical teachers up-to-date in their own specialities, a scheme of 'Continuing Medical Education for Model Teahcers' has been in operation since the Sixth Five Year Plan. Under this scheme, courses and workshops are being organised by the following five Centres set up at:—

1. Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry.
2. Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh.
3. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
4. B. J. Medical College, Ahmedabad.
5. Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.

An allocation of Rs. 40 lakhs has been made for the Scheme during the Seventh Plan.

Functioning of the Council for Technical Education

62. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has started functioning effectively;

(b) if so, what are the major projects/works undertaken by it; and

(c) what has been the States' response to various proposals of the AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION

AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 has come into force with effect from 28th March, 1988 and the new statutory All India Council for Technical Education has been established with effect from 12th May, 1988 by the issue of necessary notifications in the official gazette. Necessary action has also been initiated to complete as early as possible all preparations including formulation of new norms, guidelines standards, rules regulations and acquiring of facilities for the secretariat of the Council to make it operational.

The first meeting of the new statutory Council has been held on 6th July, 1988. The response of the various States has been favourable. All have welcomed the proposed role of the new statutory Council as provided in the Act.

Chartered flights from other countries

63. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that introduction of chartered flights from different countries to India has been permitted;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the share-percentage of Air India in these additional flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In 1987-88 tourist Charters were permitted to be operated by M/s. Inspired Itineraries, U.K. for Gatwick (U.K.)—Goa, M/s. Austrian Air Transport for Vienna-Delhi, M/s. Condor, West Germany for Munich-Goa and M/s. Burma Airways for Rangoon-Calcutta.

For 1988-89 operation of tourist charters has been permitted to M/s. Kerco Charters, Canada for Toronto-Calcutta, M/s. Inspirations East Ltd., U.K. for Gatwick (U.K.)-Goa and M/s. ILG Travels Ltd., U.K. for Gatwick (U.K.)-Goa.

(c) Since no charter was or is likely to be operated by Air India the question of its percentage share does not arise.

Promotion of tourism by hotels having rating lesser than five star

64. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of having more hotels of lesser rating than five star hotels to promote tourism;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government also propose to handover tourism to the private sector; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Government recognizes the desirability of maintaining a balanced growth of hotel accommodation of all star categories so as to cater to tourists of all income groups. However, with a view to meeting the